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Subject: RE: Draft of JAC legislation

The purpose of the legislation is to authorize Shelby County to create a Juvenile Assessment Center. Currently, law enforcement is required by law to transport children to the County Detention Center when it is not advisable to release the child to a parent. This bill requires law enforcement to transport children to the JAC (notwithstanding certain charges) for specified assessments to better help juveniles and families. The legislation places authority under the county government, not under the court, in order to preserve independence. The legislation also creates a framework in which the center would collaborate with other community services to provide specified services to children and families.

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Many thanks, Tom.

Now, I really, really need one more thing by noon Monday- a SHORT (2-3 paragraph) summary of why the legislation is needed and what it does. I've got a meeting in Mayor Strickland's office Monday afternoon to discuss the city's legislative agenda, and what they need at this point is a brief summary in language that the non-lawyers will understand.

Let me know if you can do that by noon Monday. Again, many thanks.

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General Gibbons,

Judge Michael has asked me to create a draft of proposed legislation for the creation/authority for a Juvenile Assessment Center for Shelby County.

The attached legislative draft is hardly a finished product. However, I wanted to submit something that serves as a template to build upon. If you need me to add anything or provide more context please feel free to let me know. I understand there is a meeting scheduled Monday with the local Shelby delegation, so I will be available if you need me.

Thank you,

Tom

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